

MEMO

DATE: May 1, 2003

TO: The Regional Council
The Community Economic and Human Development Committee
The Energy and Environment Committee
The Transportation and Communications Committee

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SUBJECT: 2003/2004 Legislative Summaries

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and File

SUMMARY:

Since the last meeting of the Regional Council and the policy committees, the Legislature broke for Spring Recess on April 10th and reconvened on April 21st. The first deadline legislators face, May 2nd, marks the last day for policy committee to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house. Other May deadlines:

- May 9th, last day for policy committees to hear and report non-fiscal bills introduced to their house.
- May 23rd, last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 9th.
- May 30th, last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in their house.
- May 30th, last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to June 9th.

For more information on 2003 deadlines, please visit www.leginfo.ca.gov/legislative_calendar.html.

FISCAL IMPACT:

All work related to adopting the recommended staff action is contained within the adopted FY2002/2003 budget and the 2003 Legislative Program and does not require the expenditure of any additional financial resources.

Legislative Summaries Memo
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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Active Legislative Matrix for the 2003-2004 Legislative Session

May 1, 2003 *

SCAG SPONSORED LEGISLATION				
BILL & AUTHOR	DESCRIPTION	SCAG POSITION	STATUS	COMMENTS
There is no SCAG-sponsored legislation at this time.				
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION				
BILL & AUTHOR	DESCRIPTION	SCAG POSITION	STATUS	COMMENTS
AB 427 Longville	Eliminates the 20-year limit on the duration of local transportation sales taxes.	Support	Passed Asm. Loc. Gov. Re-referred to Asm. Trans.	Heard by the TCC on 4/3/03. Will be heard by the RC on 5/1/03.
AB 684 Dutra	Requires transit smart card systems to comply with specific requirements.	Recommended: Support	Hearing in Asm. Trans. scheduled for 4/21/03.	Will be heard by the TCC on 5/1/03.
ACA 7 Dutra	Lowers the voter threshold on the imposition of local transportation sales taxes from 2/3 to 55%.	Support	Hearing in Asm. Trans. scheduled for 4/21/03.	Heard by the TCC on 4/3/03. Will be heard by the RC on 5/1/03.
SB 465 Soto	Permits transit village plans and development districts up to 1/2 mile from a rail transit station.	Recommended: Support	Hearing in Sen. Loc. Gov. scheduled for 4/23/03.	Will be heard by the TCC on 5/1/03.
SB 541	Indexes the sales tax on motor vehicle fuel to the inflation rate.	Recommended: Support	Failed passage in Sen. Trans. Reconsideration granted.	Will be heard by the TCC on 5/1/03.
SCA 2 Torlakson	Lowers the voter threshold on the imposition of local transportation sales taxes from 2/3 to a majority; 25% of taxes for smart growth planning.	Support If Amended	Senate Third Reading	Heard by the TCC on 4/3/03. Will be heard by the RC on 5/1/03.
SCA 7 Murray	Requires the repayment of borrowed transportation funds with interest.	Support	Passed Sen. Trans. Re-referred to Sen. Con. Amend.	Heard by the TCC on 4/3/03. Will be heard by the RC on 5/1/03.
COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT LEGISLATION				
BILL & AUTHOR	DESCRIPTION	SCAG POSITION	STATUS	COMMENTS
AB 980 Salinas	Permits cities and counties to self-certify their housing elements if certain conditions are met.	Recommended: Support	Passed Asm. Loc. Gov. Re-referred to Asm. H. & C.D.	Will be heard by the CEHD on 5/1/03.

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ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT LEGISLATION				
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AB 1158 Lowenthal	Revises housing need allocation and review procedures.	Support	Passed Asm. Loc. Gov. Re-referred to Asm. H. & C.D.	Approved by the RC on 4/3/03.
AB 1221 Steinberg	Exchanges sales and use taxes for property taxes to minimize "fiscalization of land use."	Recommended: Monitor	Referred to Asm. Loc. Gov. from Asm. Rev. & Tax.. Hearing scheduled for 4/23/03.	Will be heard by the CEHD on 5/1/03.
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT LEGISLATION				
BILL & AUTHOR	DESCRIPTION	SCAG POSITION	STATUS	COMMENTS
There is no EEC legislation at this time.				
TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION				
BILL & AUTHOR	DESCRIPTION	SCAG POSITION	STATUS	COMMENTS
S. 458 Bingaman	Creates the Southwest Regional Border Authority.	Support	Read in the Sen. Environment and Public Works.	Heard by the TCC on 4/3/03. Will be heard by the RC on 5/1/03.

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